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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MOORE ET AL.

Examiner

Diem Tran

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-5, 7-9, 11-13, 15-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 6, 10, 14 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kaiser et al. (US Patent 5,979,158).

Regarding claims 1, 2, 3, 11, Kaiser discloses a method for reducing exhaust emissions during cold start of an internal combustion engine, the engine being coupled to a starter motor and an exhaust gas treatment device, comprising:

providing assist to the engine by the starter motor to meet a demanded power when a temperature of the exhaust gas treatment system is less than an operating temperature of the exhaust gas treatment device (see col. 2, lines 1-10, col. 3, lines 61-67, col. 4, lines 1-3).

Regarding claims 5, 9, 13, 17, Kaiser further discloses heating the exhaust gas treatment device by electric heater coupled to the exhaust gas treatment device (see col. 3, lines 48-57).

Regarding claim 7, Kaiser discloses a method for reducing exhaust emissions during cold start of an internal combustion engine, the engine being coupled to a starter motor and an exhaust gas treatment device, comprising

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supplying fuel to the internal combustion engine when an engine rotational speed substantially exceeds idle speed (see col. 6, lines 19-28).

Regarding claims 4, 8, 12, 16, Kaiser further discloses retarding spark timing of the engine (see col. 4, lines 21-24).

Regarding claim 15, Kaiser discloses an engine system comprising:

an internal combustion engine; a starter motor coupled to said engine, an exhaust gas treatment device (5) arranged in an engine exhaust of said engine (see Figure 1, col. 3, lines 66-67, col. 4, lines 1-3); and

a control unit electronically coupled to said engine and said starter motor, said control unit withholding supply of fuel to the internal combustion engine when an engine rotational speed is less than idle speed (see col. 6, lines 19-28).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6, 10, 14, 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Diem Tran whose telephone number is (703) 308-6073. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas E. Denion, can be reached on (703) 308-2623. The fax number for this group is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

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May 14, 2004



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